made to bring down the stocks by way of higher releases of sugar in the open market and exports for which the following benefits are being given:—

(i) The sugar meant for export has been exempted from the levy obligation. This exemption, which was initially available for a period of six months, commencing from 1st June, 2000, has been extended twice, first upto 31.03.2001 and thereafter upto 30.09.2001 or till further orders, whichever is later.

(ii) It has been decided to treat the quantity exported for commercial exports as advance free sale release to be adjusted after a period of 12 months from the date of release.

(iii) It has also been decided that the levy exemption on the quantity of sugar meant for commercial exports, if it cannot be availed by the sugar factory out of 1999-2000 season's production due to the completion of its levy obligation, the same may be availed by the concerned sugar factory from the production in the 2000-2001 sugar season.

(iv) Duty Exemption Pass Book (DEPB) at the rate of 5% of the Free On Board (F.O.B.) value of exports of sugar has been allowed.

(v) Government has removed the quantitative ceiling on export of sugar and have also dispensed with the requirement of the issue of the Registration-Cum-Allocation Certificates (RCACs) by Agricultural and processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA), with effect from 01.04.2001 on sugar exports.

Monthly requirement of levy sugar

3370. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVESHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have assessed the monthly requirement of levy sugar on the basis of present population;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(c) the quantity of levy sugar required for the festivel quota, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD): (a) With effect from 1-2-2001, the Government has been allocating Levy Sugar under Public Distribution System (PDS) on the basis of projected population as on 1-3-2000.

(b) and (c) The monthly Levy Sugar quota allotted to the States/UTs. w.e.f. 1-2-2001 alongwith Annual Festival Quota is given in the Statement.

Statement

Monthly Levy Sugar quota allotted to the States/U.Ts. w.e.f. 1-2-2001 alongwith Annual Festival Quota

(A) Monthly levy sugar quota for States/UTs other than Hilly States/Island Territories (w.e.f. 1-2-2001)

S.No.	States/UTs	Monthly Levy Quota (MTs)	Annual Festival Quota (MTs)
1	2	3	4
1.	Andhra Pradesh	9690	7614
2.	Bihar	20516	7527
3.	Jharkhand	6948	2551
4.	Chandigarh	62	112
5.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	48	14
6.	Delhi	2610	2316
7.	Goa	120	150
8.	Gujarat	5841	4878
9.	Haryana	2485	1924
10.	Karnataka	8636	5350
11.	Kerala	4103	3600
12.	Madhya Pradesh	12441	5523
13.	Chhattisgarh	4512	2013
14.	Maharashtra	16792	9014
15.	Orissa	8707	3730
16.	Punjab	1385	2392
17.	Rajasthan	7342	5092
18.	Tamil Nadu	10820	6790
19.	Uttar Pradesh	33013	15154
20.	West Bengal	14087	7796
21.	Daman and Diu	11	12
22.	Pondicherry	243	88
	TOTAL:	170410	93640

(B) Monthly levy sugar quota for Hilly States/Island Territories (w.e.f. 1-2-2001)

S.No.	States/UTs.	Monthly Levy Quota (MTs)	Annual Festival Quota (MTs)
1	2	3	4
1.	Assam	18337	2896
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	834	94
3.	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	389	74
4.	Himachal Pradesh	4698	608
5.	Jammu & Kashmir	6962	868
6.	Lakshadweep	115	22
7.	Manipur	1763	208
8.	Meghalaya	1704	200
9.	Mizoram	666	78
10.	Nagaland	1179	128
11.	Sikkim	391	50
12.	Tripura	2647	302
13.	Uttaranchal	6033	782
	TOTAL:	45719	6310

Quota of kerosene for Karnataka

3371. SHRI K.C. KONDAIAH: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the monthly kilo litres of kerosene being supplied to Karnataka under the Public Distribution System;

(b) whether there is any demand from the State to increase the quota of kerosene in place of sugar being taken away from PDS; and

(c) if so, the action proposed to be taken to increase the quota for Karnataka?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHRIRAM CHAUHAN): (a) to (c) Kerosene allocation is made by the Central Government